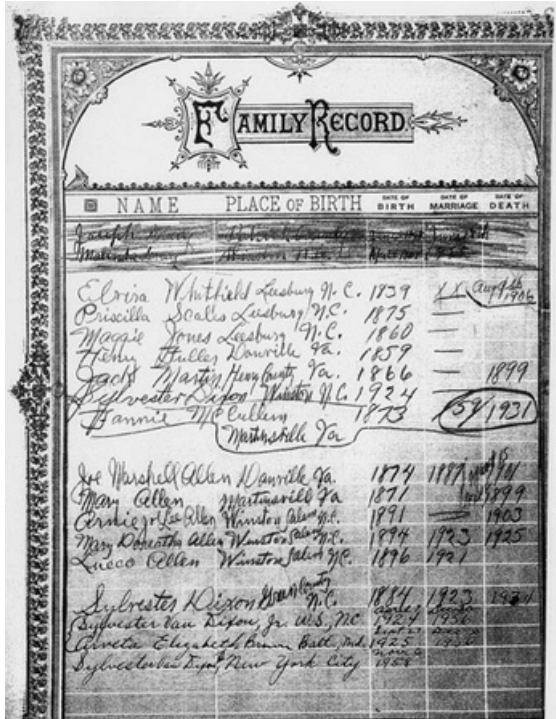


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<sup>[2]</sup>Genealogy, the study of family origins and descent, has interested North Carolinians for centuries. Colonial [printer](#) <sup>[3]</sup> [James Davis](#) <sup>[4]</sup> of New Bern printed genealogical information regarding his family, and in the nineteenth century, the historical publications of [John H. Wheeler](#) <sup>[5]</sup> and [Samuel A. Ashe](#) <sup>[6]</sup> contained a great deal of genealogical information. J. R. B. Hathaway of [Edenton](#) <sup>[7]</sup> published the *North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register* <sup>[8]</sup> for several years around the beginning of the twentieth century. Several national lineage societies have created chapters in North Carolina, with an emphasis on researching and proving family lines as a basis for membership. These [societies](#) <sup>[9]</sup> have helped raise interest in genealogy even further.

In the early twentieth century, North Carolina secretary of state [J. Bryan Grimes](#) <sup>[10]</sup> published *An Abstract of North Carolina Wills* <sup>[11]</sup> (1910) and *North Carolina Wills and Inventories* <sup>[12]</sup> (1912). In 1968 [Frederick A. Olds](#) <sup>[13]</sup> compiled another abstract that supplemented Grimes's works. The twentieth century saw an explosive growth in the genealogical field as more people realized the importance of family research. The building of a new [North Carolina Archives](#) <sup>[14]</sup> helped to provide better facilities for researchers and genealogists. Manuscript departments at many of the universities and colleges in North Carolina also contain a wealth of genealogical information, and public libraries have expanded their holdings as more genealogical materials have become available. The availability of computers, CD-ROMS, published indexes, the Internet, e-mail, and other recent technological developments have all contributed to the growth of interest in genealogy by making resources more readily available to researchers. The [North Carolina Genealogical Society](#) <sup>[15]</sup>, founded in 1974, and local societies are also important resources for genealogists.

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### Additional Resources:

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